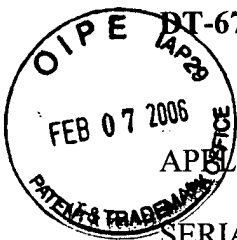


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, in which the Examiner raised formal objections to claims 3 and 9, rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-11 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated the claims 2, 7 would become allowable upon having been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 2 and 7 is noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: